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5 In the Matter of

No. G02-45

6 THE APPLICATION REGARDING
7 THE CONVERSION AND
8 ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OF
9 PREMIERA BLUE CROSS AND ITS
10 AFFILIATES

OIC STAFF'S NOTICE OF
SUBMISSION OF CONSULTANTS'
FINAL REPORTS

11 The OIC Staff has taken or will take the following steps to comply with the
12 Seventeenth Order: Ruling on Status of Form A, Publication of Expert Reports, and
13 Production of Documents issued by the Commissioner on October 23, 2003:

14 By close of business on October 27, 2003, one copy of each final report, except for the
15 *Accounting & Tax Evaluation of the Proposed Conversion of Premera Blue Cross of*
16 *Washington*, was filed with Carol Sureau, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, and an electronic
17 version of each report was transmitted to her via email. At the same time, six bound copies of
18 the *Accounting & Tax Evaluation of the Proposed Conversion of Premera Blue Cross of*
19 *Washington* were filed with Ms. Sureau. Thereafter, by close of business on October 28,
20 2003, five bound copies of each report, other than the *Accounting & Tax Evaluation of the*
21 *Proposed Conversion of Premera Blue Cross of Washington*, will be filed with Ms. Sureau.

22 By close of business on October 27, 2003, an electronic version of each final report
23 was transmitted via email to Thomas E. Kelly, Jr., attorney for Premera, and John P.
24 Domeika, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Premera. On the same day,
25 consistent with the agreement between the OIC Staff and Premera, the OIC Staff forwarded to
26 Premera for next-day delivery by a commercial parcel delivery company two copies of each

1 report, including two bound copies of the *Accounting & Tax Evaluation of the Proposed*
2 *Conversion of Premera Blue Cross of Washington*.

3 The final reports comprise the following:

4 1. *Premera Conversion Antitrust Review Report* prepared by Keith Leffler, Ph.D.

5 2. *Economic Impact Analysis of the Proposed Conversion of Premera Blue Cross for*
6 *the State of Washington* prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

7 3. *Accounting & Tax Evaluation of the Proposed Conversion of Premera Blue Cross*
8 *of Washington* prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

9 4. *Executive Compensation Review: Competitiveness and Reasonableness of Premera*
10 *Practices* prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

11 5. *Report to the Washington State, Office of Insurance Commissioner on Tax Matters*
12 *in Connection with the Proposed Conversion of Premera* prepared by
13 PricewaterhouseCoopers.

14 6. *Premera Blue Cross; Report on Valuation and Fairness of the Proposed*
15 *Conversion* prepared by The Blackstone Group.

16 7. *Final Report* of Cantilo & Bennett, L.L.P.

17 DATED this 27th day of October, 2003.

18 Respectfully submitted,

19 OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
20 STATE OF WASHINGTON

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to WAC 10-08-110(3), I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this instrument was served upon all parties of record in this proceeding by transmitting a copy thereof by FAX, and, on the same day, mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid, to the attorney for each party to the proceeding.

Dated: October 27, 2003
At Tumwater, Washington

John F. Hamje